IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Wood et al.

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EMPLOY SUPPORT STRUCTURES FORMED ON THE SUBSTRATES

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This Response follows the final Office Action of October 10, 2007, the shortened statutory period for response to which expires on January 10, 2008. This Response is being submitted within two months of the mailing date of the final Office Action.